

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, March 30, 2023, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, April 17, 2023. **Page S1078**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S1078**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, April 17, 2023, Senate resume consideration of the nomination, and that all motions to invoke cloture filed during the session of Thursday, March 30, 2023, ripen at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, April 17, 2023. **Page S1110**

Solomon Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Amy Lefkowitz Solomon, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General. **Page S1079**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Radha Iyengar Plumb, of New York, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of Defense. **Page S1079**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S1078**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S1079**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 67 yeas to 26 nays (Vote No. EX. 81), Richard R. Verma, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources. **Pages S1069–70**

By 63 yeas to 27 nays (Vote No. EX. 82), Laura Taylor-Kale, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense. **Page S1075**

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy, and Space Force. **Pages S1079–80**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Douglas Dziak, of Virginia, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission for the remainder of the term expiring October 26, 2024.

Nisha Desai Biswal, of Virginia, to be Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the United States International Development Finance Corporation.

Herro Mustafa Garg, of California, to be Ambassador to the Arab Republic of Egypt.

Richard H. Riley IV, of California, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Somalia.

Mark Toner, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Liberia.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

5 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Foreign Service. **Pages S1110–11**

Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

Gigi B. Sohn, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for a term of five years from July 1, 2021, which was sent to the Senate on January 3, 2023.

Phillip A. Washington, of Illinois, to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration for the term of five years, which was sent to the Senate on January 3, 2023. **Page S1112**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—82) **Pages S1069–70, S1075**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:26 p.m., until 12 noon on Monday, April 3, 2023. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1110.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FARM BILL

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Subcommittee on Conservation, Climate, Forestry, and Natural Resources, to hold hearings to examine forestry in the Farm Bill, focusing on the importance of America's forests, after receiving testimony from

Tony Cheng, Colorado State University Forest Restoration Institute, Fort Collins; Troy Harris, Jamestown, L.P., Atlanta, Georgia; Jason Hartman, National Association of State Foresters, Manhattan, Kansas; Jim Neiman, Neiman Enterprises, Hulett, Wyoming; and Sally Palmer, The Nature Conservancy, Nashville, Tennessee.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine the posture of the Department of the Army in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2024 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Christine E. Wormuth, Secretary, and General James C. McConville, USA, Chief of Staff, both of the Army, Department of Defense.

PETROCHEMICALS TO WASTE

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Chemical Safety, Waste Management, Environmental Justice, and Regulatory Oversight concluded a hearing to examine petrochemicals to waste, focusing on the lifecycle, environmental, and climate effects of plastic, after receiving testimony from Arvind P. Ravikumar, University of Texas Energy Emissions Modeling and Data Lab, Austin; Chelsea Rochman, University of Toronto Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Toronto, Ontario, Canada; and Hota GangaRao, West Virginia University Wadsworth Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Morgantown.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG SUPPLY CHAIN

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine pharmacy benefit managers and the prescription drug supply chain, focusing on the impact

on patients and taxpayers, after receiving testimony from Robin Feldman, University of California College of the Law, San Francisco; Karen Van Nuys, University of Southern California Leonard D. Schaeffer Center for Health Policy and Economics, Los Angeles; Lawton Robert Burns, University of Pennsylvania Wharton School, Philadelphia; Jonathan Levitt, Frier Levitt Attorneys at Law, Pine Brook, New Jersey; and Matthew Gibbs, Capital Rx Inc., New York, New York.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Nicole D. Theriot, of Louisiana, to be Ambassador to the Cooperative Republic of Guyana, Ann Marie Yastishock, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Independent State of Papua New Guinea, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Solomon Islands and Ambassador to the Republic of Vanuatu, Robin Dunnigan, of California, to be Ambassador to Georgia, who was introduced by Senator Sullivan, and David J. Kostelancik, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Albania, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

GUARDIANSHIP

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine guardianship and alternatives, focusing on protection and empowerment, after receiving testimony from Nick Parker, Indiana Adult Guardianship Office, Indianapolis; Karrie A. Shogren, Kansas University Center on Developmental Disabilities, Lawrence; Tina Paone, Lansdale, Pennsylvania; and Ryan H. King and Susie King, both of Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 58 public bills, H.R. 12, 2400–2456; and 14 resolutions, H.J. Res. 46–49; H. Con. Res. 31–32; and H. Res. 266–273, were introduced. **Pages H1689–93**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1695–96**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows: H.R. 1376. A bill to require the Director of National Intelligence to declassify information relating

to the origin of COVID–19, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–32, Part 1). **Page H1689**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Flood to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1661**

Lower Energy Costs Act: The House passed H.R. 1, to lower energy costs by increasing American energy production, exports, infrastructure, and critical